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GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES GOVERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE AFRICAN REGIONAL CENTRE FOR SOLAR ENERGY

I. INTRODUCTION

Paragraph 3(a) of Article 7 of the Constitution of the African Regional Centre for Solar Energy states that the Council of the Centre, "shall in particular, for the purpose of achieving the objectives of the Centre, approve the general principles and policies governing the activities of the Centre".

The general principles and policies governing the activities of the Centre are derived from the Constitution of the Centre taking into account the organizational and operational aspects of the Centre.

II. GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES GOVERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE AFRICAN REGIONAL CENTRE FOR SOLAR ENERGY

In exercise of the powers conferred upon the Council of the African Regional Centre for Solar Energy by subparagraphs (a) to (k) of paragraph 3 of Article 7 of the Constitution of the African Regional Centre for Solar Energy (hereinafter referred to as "the Centre"), the Council of the Centre hereby prescribes the following principles and policies to govern the operation of the Centre:

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1. The Centre shall be operated at all times in such a manner as to facilitate the achievement of the purposes for which it was established including those purposes enumerated in the preamble of the Constitution of the Centre.

2. The Chairman and members of the Council, the Executive Board and the Executive Director and staff of the Centre shall at all times act in conformity with paragraph 1 above. They shall also refrain from any action which may be detrimental to the objective of that paragraph.

3. The member countries of the Centre shall make every effort to create conditions favourable for the development of the Centre and the achievement of the purposes for which it was established.

4. The Council of the Centre shall give directives of a general nature to the Executive Board and Executive Director of the Centre in the performance of their functions.

5. The Council of the Centre shall from time to time prescribe such additional principles and policies governing the activities of the Centre as it may deem desirable, provided that such additional principles and policies shall not be contrary to the purposes for which the Centre was established.

6. These principles and policies and any additional principles and policies which may be prescribed by the Council of the Centre shall in no way derogate from the powers of the Council of the Centre to prescribe rules for the appointment of the staff of the Centre, to adopt rules and directives concerning the activities of the Centre in pursuance of sub-paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (g) respectively of paragraph 3 of Article 7 of the Constitution or to exercise any other power conferred upon it under the Constitution.

7. The Council may establish such committees or subsidiary bodies from among its members as it may deem necessary. Such committees and subsidiary bodies shall determine their own procedure subject to the provisions of the rules of procedure of the Executive Board and any standing orders made under the rules of procedure of the Executive Board.

8. (a) If a member of the Council has direct or indirect personal or financial interest in any contract, proposed contract or other matter and is present at a meeting of the Council at which the contract proposed contract or other matter, is discussed he shall not take part in the discussion of or vote on it or any question related to it.

(b) A disclosure of interest made under this paragraph shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is made.